

# Middletown House Fire Caused by Cigarette

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The Delaware State Fire Marshal's Office has determined that last night's fire in Middletown, Delaware was accidental.

The blaze, reported shortly before midnight, occurred in the 100 block of Shallcross Place in the Town of Middletown. The Volunteer Hose Company extinguished the fire.

State fire investigators determined that a mattress inside one of the bedrooms was ignited by a cigarette. The fire was contained to the bedroom. The occupants were able to escape without injury.

Fire damage was estimated at \$5,000. The smoke alarms inside the home were inoperable and needed to be maintained. The American Red Cross was called to assist three adults and 2 children with emergency aid.

For more information, please contact Assistant State Fire Marshal, Michael Chionchio at 302-739-5665.